

eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Kevin heard the call for community and public service following graduation, he pledged and became an active member in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Xi Kappa Lambda Chapter. Kevin's civic activities included Houston Community College System Citizen's Advisory Board, Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts Speakers Bureau, University Oaks Civic Club, Junior Achievement, and University of Houston College of Business Alumni Board. Kevin's political involvement included candidate for Harris County treasurer in 1990, candidate for district clerk in 1994, Coalition of Black Democrats and alternate delegate to the 1992 Texas State convention.

In Isaiah chapter 40, verse 31, it is written: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

After a bout with multiple myeloma, Kevin Duane Newsome passed away on Sunday, September 14, 1997. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Deborah; two sons, Kevin Duane, Jr. and Jarrad Anthony; mother Mable L., and a sister Kimberly.

I would like to offer the Newsome Family my deepest sympathy at this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO TERESENA (TERRY)  
WISE BRYANT

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Teresena Wise Bryant, an outstanding individual who has dedicated her life to public service and education. She was honored on October 17 by parents, family, friends, and professionals for her outstanding contributions to the community at the Eighth Annual Salute to Excellence Awards Dinner hosted by the 163d Street Improvement Council, Inc. in New York.

Born in Florida, Ms. Bryant, known as Terry by her friends, moved to New York City in 1964 after receiving a bachelor's degree from Florida A&M University. In 1977, she earned a master's degree in public administration at New York University. She has shown the importance of life-long learning as she has continued to take postgraduate courses in educational fields.

Through her years of service, she worked for several governmental agencies. Her career started as an assistance bookkeeper with Standard Motors. Later she worked as a homebound instructor with the White Plains Board of Education before she was hired as a teacher of recreation in the New York City Board of Education/Continuing Education Division. Within 6 months, she was recommended and hired as director of community education, Mohegan Community Center/P.S. 67 in the Bronx. She went on to become assistance executive director of contract development for the Youth Board/Bureau/Youth Services Agency. In 1987, Terry returned to the New York City Board of Education as special assistant to the Bronx board member.

Terry clearly believes that electoral politics is honorable public service. For 18 years, she

was the campaign manager and confidential/political assistant to the late State Senator Joseph L. Galiber and she managed the election campaign for Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson, the first and only African-American district attorney in the State of New York. She is an expert in redistricting and reapportionment of Councilmanic, State Assembly, and senatorial as well as congressional lines.

The business, professional, religious, and civil organizations to which she belonged, like the honors and awards she was given are almost beyond counting. Terry retired last year after a fruitful career in public service. Ms. Bryant leaves us with many lessons learned in community service, leadership in education, and wisdom. A talented leader and educator, Ms. Bryant will continue sharing her knowledge and views with her family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Teresena Wise Bryant for her outstanding achievements in education and her enduring commitment to the community.

IN HONOR OF DOMINICK DELLA  
ROCCA "THE LEGENDARY PIED  
PIPER"

**HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving in this legislative body is the opportunity we occasionally get to acknowledge the outstanding pillars of our communities. In my neighborhood that pillar is Mr. Dominick Della Rocca. He represents what it is to be an exceptional human being, for without hesitation he has given so much of himself.

Before and after his World War II service, Mr. Della Rocca participated in and helped to organize neighborhood baseball games. Over the years, and with much local support, he developed many community activities for the young people of the neighborhood like the Buck Wingo Athletic League and the Fort Greene Civic Center.

His attention later turned toward the needs of handicapped children. With the generous help of a lifelong friend, he helped start Camp Montebello for Blind Children. What started as a modest effort transformed into a project of love which permitted children with visual impairments to participate in camp activities like so many of their peers.

Over the years many in the community have come to know, love and admire Della Rocca's natural ability to bring people together. There are few out there today who can turn charity into fun and excitement, something you love and look forward to performing time and time again. It was the popularity he gained from his charitable works that earned him the title of Executive Chief Mayor of the Locality Mayors. It has been in this capacity where he has focused the attention of the Community Mayors (also known as Locality Mayors) onto the needs of handicapped children of the area.

The Community Mayors, with the generous donations of many local businesses and neighbors, have been able to raise over \$160 million to fund a number of programs for handicapped children. Events such as Oper-

ation Santa Claus, the Mets at Shea Stadium, Astroland at Coney Island and an exchange student journey from Milan, Italy to Brooklyn, NY are but a few of the activities which have brought much joy to the children with special needs in our community.

However, one of Della Rocca's greatest and most impressive achievements remains receiving the highest humanitarian honor from the Roman Catholic Church. Della Rocca was knighted by the Pope to the Magistral Knight of Sovereign Military Order of Malta. We are all very proud of this magnificent accomplishment.

In honor of his 50 years of service as a Community Mayor and for helping bring joy and hope into the lives of 3,200,000 special needs children, I rise today to salute this generous individual. Thank you Mr. Della Rocca for setting such a wonderful example for us all, I hope others will follow in your footsteps and spread your good works.

IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF BOATERS  
IN SOUTHERN LAKE MICHIGAN

**HON. ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 21, 1997*

Mr. BLAGOJEVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of locating a Coast Guard search and rescue helicopter in the southern end of Lake Michigan. Currently, there is only one Coast Guard search and rescue helicopter which serves southern Lake Michigan. Until 1995, this helicopter was located at the Coast Guard Air Station Chicago in Glenview, IL. In 1995, the Glenview facility was downgraded to a seasonal air facility. Subsequently, the Coast Guard decided to move the helicopter facility to Muskegon, MI. While the justification for the move from Glenview is clear, I respectfully disagree with the Coast Guard's choice of Muskegon as the alternative location for the air facility. Located 120 nautical miles from the southern end of Lake Michigan, Muskegon is simply too far away from where the majority of boating activities and accidents occur in Lake Michigan. I believe the Gary Regional Airport, in Gary, IN, is a more appropriate location for the facility.

Events during the course of the last few months have highlighted the need for a helicopter rescue team which can respond quickly to emergencies in southern Lake Michigan. On April 6, two fishermen died in a boating accident near east Chicago, IN, despite search efforts by boat and helicopter. A Coast Guard rescue helicopter had already been flying for more than an hour when it arrived in Gary, IN, to refuel and join the search for the missing boaters. The Coast Guard estimates that a person wearing a lifejacket can survive for about 4 hours in 40-degree water. It is clear that even 1 hour could mean the difference between life and death when boaters are in an emergency situation in Lake Michigan.

In June of this year, a man and his disabled jetski floated for 2 nights off a Chicago beach, waiting to be rescued. This event highlights the fact that emergencies which require helicopter search and rescue response occur within a few hundred yards of Chicago's beaches. Although this man was fortunate to